

REMARKS

Claims 14 - 15 are now pending in this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the remarks.

DRAWING

The drawing filed on 05 February 2001 conforms to Consolidated Patent Rules 37 CFR § 1.84(t) *Numbering of Sheets of Drawings* which states 'The number of each sheet should be shown by two Arabic numerals placed on either side of an oblique line, with the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings, with no other marking.', and to 37 CFR § 1.84(u) *Numbering of Views* which states 'Where only a single view is used in an application to illustrate the claimed invention, it must not be numbered and the abbreviation "FIG" must not appear.

A proposed drawing correction is attached. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

REJECTION TO CLAIMS 14-15

Claims 14-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 2,384,993 to Goddard et al.

These rejections are respectfully traversed. Applicant requests that the rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

CLAIMS 14 - 15

The invention as claimed is a fish hook or lure having a metal body which is exposed for contact with water. A winding is formed around the body/hook. The winding is also of a metal exposed for contact with water and is insulated from the metal body/hook by an insulating layer between the body/hook and winding. The body/hook and winding are of dissimilar metals so that upon immersion in water the resulting electrolytic action between the two dissimilar metals results in the generation of an electromagnetic field to attract fish.

In contrast, Goddard et al. discloses a fish hook with a decorative body to render the hook buoyant and visually attractive. Referring to page 1 and figure 4 Goddard et al. teaches a body including the 'lapping of a fine metal strip-12 having spaced coils' and 'secured to the shank by the strip- 12'. Therefor Goddard et al. fails to teach an insulating layer between the winding and hook. Goddard et al.'s disclosure of adjoining metals at the surface of the water with spaced coils and probable conductive eyelets fails to teach or render obvious the relationship of winding and hook now claimed in the generation of an electromagnetic field.

None of the prior art made of record and not relied upon teaches or renders obvious the claimed invention of the hook of exposed metal, the exposed winding disposed around the hook and insulated therefrom, with the winding and hook being formed from dissimilar metals so as to generate an electromagnetic field by electrolytic action when the winding and hook are exposed to contact with water when immersed therein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed or accommodated. Applicant therefor respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsiders and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding office action. The Applicant who is a US citizen but resident overseas will telephone the Examiner so that any issues still requiring response can be dealt with.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Glenn W. Palmway-Riley", written over a horizontal line.

Signed Glenn W. Palmway-Riley

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